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Hunt Predicts Policy Review

'No Strings' on Funds From CIA, Dean Says

Richard M. Hunt, ~~assistant~~ dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and

president of the Fund for International Social and Economic Education, said Tuesday that "there were no strings attached" to the money the fund took from foundations.

The fund received money, it was disclosed Monday, from the J. Frederick Brown Foundation of Boston, which had been identified as a conduit for CIA funds.

"Recently," the dean said in a prepared statement, "I have been asked if I knew at the time whether or not these foundations were government fronts. I said and I here repeat that I possessed no certain information about the sources of their funds."

"The board's decision to accept funds from them," the dean continued, "was based not on the origin of such funds but rather on the conditions under which they were offered to us. In all cases where we accepted funds from

these foundations there were no strings attached.

"The funds were exclusively used for projects already instituted by our fund and were under the exclusive jurisdiction and supervision of the board of trustees."

Dean Hunt said that "Tolerant men may differ on the wisdom of our decision to accept open funds from these particular foundations or for that matter from any group or individual without a more thorough investigation as to their source."

"... the significant considerations for the board were the extent of our authority over the use of funds and our ability to discharge their expenditure in a responsible manner in the pursuit of our previously determined objectives."

The dean said that recent disclosures would cause the board to review its policies "and to consider the extent to which a particular source of funds might adversely affect the objectives ... of the fund."